

# Louisiana Board of Regents and the Louisiana Department of Education Transitional Courses Pilot: Monthly Updates



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**District Contracts Complete.** In October, the contracts with the three piloting districts were fully executed and completed. The contractual process has already started with the higher education faculty members and will be finalized in the coming weeks. Linda Marino, Program Specialist with the Louisiana Board of Regents, will coordinate this effort.

**Higher Education Conference Call.** Most recently, a conference call was held with the higher education faculty members participating in the state transitional courses pilot. The purpose of this call was to update the postsecondary education partnership on the progress of the pilot across the three districts. Key highlights of the meeting included: discussions about the fall experiences of the higher education faculty members at the pilot sites, discussions about the research questions and data indicators, and discussions into the roles and responsibilities of the postsecondary education faculty moving forward. An additional conference call with all members of the transitional courses pilot will occur in early December. This conversation will expand upon the initial conversations held in the November call.

**Jefferson School District and ACT Testing.** In a few weeks, students and teachers in the Jefferson district will complete both the ELA and mathematics transitional courses. As such, we would like to commend the district team members at the secondary and postsecondary levels for all of their hard work and dedication. Student participants in the district will re-take the ACT in December.

**In Memoriam: Dr. Joseph Meyinsse.** Dr. Joseph Meyinsse, the mathematics higher education faculty member with the Iberville district partnership, passed away of a heart attack on November 3, 2013. Over his distinguished career as a scholar and faculty member, Dr. Meyinsse held a number of positions while working at Southern University at Baton Rouge including: Chair of the Department of Mathematics, Dean of the Graduate School, Chair of the Department of Science/Mathematics Education, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies, and Professor of Mathematics and Program Leader. He is survived by his wife, Dr. Patricia McLean-Meyinsse and his son Mr. Jerome Meyinsse. Please continue to keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

### Special points of interest:

- ✓ District Contracts Complete
- ✓ Higher Education Conference Call
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\* For more immediate updates, please visit the Transitional Courses Pilot webpage at [www.regents.louisiana.gov/transitional-courses-pilot/](http://www.regents.louisiana.gov/transitional-courses-pilot/).